

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 4: *Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 1;*
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

Lectionary Year C for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 11: *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;*
Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-10.



We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022 10 a.m.

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Welcome and announcements

Lay Reader today is JoAnn Camp.

Centering Music *Be Thou my Vision / I Am Thine, O Lord*
- arr. Christi Stills

Call to Worship** - adapted from ***Psalm 139

One Voice: God has searched our hearts.
God knows what is on our minds.

**All Voices: God understands our struggles
and our fears.**

One: We cannot tell God anything
that God does not already know.

**All: God knows where we have been
and where we are going.**

One: We cannot hide ourselves in darkness
or bury our heads in the sand.

**All: God would go to the ends of the earth to find us.
Our God is relentless in love.**

One: God has made us, inside and out.
God took one look at us and said,
“How beautiful and wonderful you are.”

All: May our hearts be full as we praise our Maker!

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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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***Opening Hymn** *Canticle of the Turning* Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You know our minds and hearts, O God. You know our busyness and our constant anxiety and stress. You know how hard we work, and you know how hard we judge ourselves. You know it when we put down others, and when we hurt each other with our words and actions. You see it when we spiral into shame. Forgive us, merciful Lord, and help us to forgive ourselves. Teaches to see in ourselves your likeness, and show us the path for life. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

***Sung Response** *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

First Scripture Reading *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Fill My Cup* - Isaiah Jones Jr.

Fill my cup, let it overflow.
Fill my cup, let it overflow.
Fill my cup, let it over flow; let it overflow with love.

Lord, let me be your instrument,
spreading sunshine in the land.
Let people see your works in me;
help me live the best I can.

It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;
give me the strength to face each day;
stay with me through each dark night.

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 14:25-33*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message Rev. Jess Rigel

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Change My Heart, O God*
- arr. Mark Hayes

*** Doxology** *Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *The Summons* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Sung Response to the Benediction

Take, O Take Me as I Am — John L. Bell
Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.